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Carranza at It Again.

When the President returns he will find the Mexican problem still on his desk as unfinished business. It is the same old mangy cur that littered up the premises seven months ago.

Since the downfall of Germany it has seemed at times as if Carranza were threatened with an improvement in manners. But he has shaken off the weakness, and is again at the task of biting the hand that fed him. He owes all he is to the indulgent tolerance of President Wilson and of this country, but the better he is treated the more dissatisfied he becomes.

On April 2 the State Department, taking note of the fact that confiscation of the property of Americans was in progress, sent forward a protest. A reply has at last come through. It is that no permits for the drilling of oil wells will be granted to companies which do not nut themselves under Mexican laws. But the titles of the companies rest on contracts. To take out permits is to concede that the Mexican government owns the oil lands. The Carranza plan is obviously to make the lands valueless to their present holders.

Carranza seems impervious to every gratitude-proof. He does not, appar-But one argument has not thus far been used. It is a simple and direct state- essays upon "lawless America." ment that the open season for foolishness and shall be respected.

Germany's State of Mind

The common reaction in Germany to the peace treaty is one of bitterness and revolt. But in that chorus there are a few non-pessimistic notes. Premier Bauer says, for instance: "We intend to live up to the terms of the treaty to the limit of our strength."

What is Bauer's method? He gives a plans."

That is Germany's only hope of recuperation. It is also the only hope of a successful working out of the Allied reparations scheme. Germany has boasted of her science and her power of organization. Will she now employ them "to the limit" in squaring her obligations to the rest of the world?

Making Peace With Non-Enemies

These are days of strange conceptions with Turkey and Bulgaria-states with which we have never been at war.

Congress was willing in 1917 to declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria, but was restrained from doing so by the Administration. The situation created by failure to declare war was a paradoxical one. Turkey and Bulgaria were allies of Germany and Austria-Hungary-our enemies. By our policy they were left in the twilight zone, between neutrals and belligerents, between friends and foes. Diplomatic relations with Turkey were suspended. But similar relations with Bulgaria were maintained, Bulgaria being allowed to keep a minister in Washington. The provost marshal general, in administering the draft law, was obliged to define the status of Turkey and Bulgaria as best he could. He divided the aliens registered under the conscription act into four classes-Allied, neutral, enemy and "allied with the enemy." Turks and Bulgarians fell in to the last class.

American troops did not fight against Turkey or Bulgaria. Our treaties of amity with these two countries are still in force. We did not participate in the armistices which ended hostilities between them and the Entente powers. Yet The Tribune's dispatches from Paris reported the other day that the United States "will be a party to both the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties."

It is explained that America will be entitled to make and sign peace treaties with states with which she never was at war because the treaties will contain drafts of the covenant of the league of nations. This is no explanation at all. The Turkish and Bulgarian treaties will not confer membership in the league of nations on those two countries. They will not confer membership on the United States. The league of nations will come

into being when the treaty with Ger- duce armaments, but merely to consider many is ratified. The United States will recommending reduction at some future enter the league when it approves the | time. But even the power to recommend German treaty. Only in case the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties are made with the league, and not with the belligerents who conquered Germany's two southern allies, can the United States have a legitimate part in making them. The work of the United States at the present peace conference of belligerents will be finished when the treaties with Austria and Hungary are signed. Moreover, this country cannot enter the league until the conditions qualifying our entrance are determined by the action

of the Senate and the President. Our legal relation to Turkey and Bulgaria is still that of a neutral. If we want to make peace with these nations we ought first to go to war with them. Will the President now ask Congress to declare war in order to regularize American participation in the peace negotia-

Dragging In Wall Street

Senator Borah is at pains to say there The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use or republication of all news dispatches credited to it or of otherwise credited in this paper and also the local east of spontaneous origin published herein.

All rights of republication of all other matter herein realso received. son's letting Mr. Root show it to Senator Lodge. He concedes, moreover, that "big | death; public places of cities became business" has as much right to labor for the covenant as he to oppose it.

> Then why mention big business and Wall Street? It is true a pamphlet of opened and their criminal inmates in-Mr. Taft's organization played up the alleged fact that "big business" is for the covenant, saying the opposition "is confined to small business men whose | irresponsible person, but of an official horizon is restricted by their own front | witness of the highest character. door." But Senator Borah is seasoned enough in politics to be aware of what | while to remember, although weakly dea literary or press agent may sometimes do when turned loose, and he should | shevism, are not denied by Lenine himrather sympathize with Mr. Taft.

befogged by demagogic attempts to justification. He wrote: arouse prejudice by listing its adherents and its opponents. Senator Borah may well allow Mr. Taft's organization and The World a monopoly of cheapness and partisanship and confine himself to the merits of the questions at issue. A debate which should be serious already has been too much confused by irrele-

Meek America

It was Mr. Kipling's conception of America that we were a wild and reckless breed of lawbreakers. Our na- friends and relatives. tional spirit he pictured as making the been long and has occasioned perennial | the apologists for Lenine are sincere.

Yet if all of this is true, how about is over and that American rights must | the great drouth and its calm acceptance by an infuriated proletariat that was to march upon the Capitol and raise hob generally? How about conscription, imposed with less mental preparation than in any other English-speaking country and accepted with a grin, as a matter of course? Americans may be lawless, but they seem to know when the time has come to quit monkeyshines and fall in line. The spirit of martyrdom is not

part of the ordinary American soul. These facts do not make out the Ameripartial answer: "Only communal and can much of a hero. On the face they sible. We are going about it slowly and scientifically, with well thought out tradict Source which the facts of a certain A. E. F. incontinently continued to death with a hammer—the jury said in the hands of her husband, and he said tradict. So we must look deeper for the | in the hands of burglars. Are we to explanation. "Torpid" is another bilious understand that the victim was bestial? adjective which critics sometimes seek to Two motor vehicles came along a highpin on Americans. But, again, the facts | way in contrary directions. One was on of national industry and invention, to its side of the road, travelling carefully. say nothing of war making, flatly oppose | Then death leaped at its occupants from

there is a strain of fatalism, plus a sense driven by a reckless demon, was out of prepared breakfast, and I drove her to the chiselled thereon. The dedication of this of humor, in American character that | its proper path. Was the blame for the makes for cheerful resignation in the catastrophe joint? face of the inescapable. "Wot a woil!" "What's the use?" and "Where do we go guise and another, sometimes openly, but from here?" are its axioms. If it is the more often by insinuation, has been in diplomacy. One of the strangest of game, or if there is a chance, an Ameri- heard the whisper: "Both sides were them is the proposal that the United can will fight on indefinitely, if not ex-States shall participate in making peace actly with the celebrated English bull- Primitive passions were everywhere undog grip at least with the shiftier, quite | loosed." as effective attack of a bull terrier. But

> The American grin has the whole explanation summed up in its straight, not invade Austria-Hungary to slay and watchful, cheerful lines. It is calm, yes, and good humored. But it is not soft, and don't tell it to the marines if you think it is meek.

Dr. Eliot's Discovery

Savs Dr. Charles W. Eliot:

"This unprecedented treaty also makes the first international provision for the reduction of competitive national armaments, a remarkable provision considering the continuing dread of armed aggression under which France and Italy

What copy of the covenant has fallen into the hands of Dr. Eliot? One looks in vain in the text of the instrument commonly available for any provision requiring the reduction of the competitive national armaments. What is discoverable with respect to armament is the know. Sometimes it has seemed there

"The members of the league recognize that the maintenance of peace requires the reduction of national armaments to e lowest point consistent with national action of international obligations.

geographical situation and circumstances of each state, shall formulate plans for such reduction for the consideration and action of the several governments.

"Such plans shall be subject to reconsideration and revision at least every

"After these plans shall have been adopted by the several governments, the limits of armaments therein fixed shall | had an option-willed to go to war; Belnot be exceeded without the concurrence | gium and France had no option unless

The nations thus do not agree to re- | cruel conqueror.

is limited by Article V, which says:

"Except where otherwise expressly provided in this covenant or by the terms of the present treaty, decisions at any meeting of the assembly or of the council shall require the agreement of all the members of the league represented at the

So, to get a recommendation started, there must first be unanimous action. But nothing then is settled. The home governments merely pledge themselves and consider in turn the recommended plan. Nations may now limit armaments by common agreement. So the league creates no new method.

It seems wise, if the covenant is to be ratified, to present it as it is. The more it is described as it is not, the poorer, will be the chance of acceptance.

What an American Consul Saw

The detailed statement of John A. Embry, the American Consul at Omsk, tells the sickening story of what happened in Western Siberia and Eastern Russia during the period of Bolshevik

Men and women were clubbed to shambles; self-appointed committees, without semblance of trial, sent firing squads to murderous work; jails were vited to join the Red Guards, and were turned loose to murder, to rape and loot. Such is the testimony, not of an

The revolting practices, it is worth nied by American apologists for Bolself. His letter to American working-The covenant is too important to be men contains a defiant admission and

> "When the workers and laboring state it became our duty to quell the reregret that we did not do it at the beginning with sufficient firmness and decision.

The formula is a simple one. Any persons, whether Socialist or Liberal, who do not instantly obey Lenine are inso facto counter revolutionaries and supporters of the exploiting class. Kill them, torture them, terrorize their

The time approaches when it will not argument thus far used. Generous American "flout the law he makes." And be easy to believe of any American detreatment does not affect him. He is that has been a popular view among | fender of Bolshevism that he is a victim Americans. Lynching, smuggling, tax of honest ignorance. The evidence beently, care what happens to Mexico. dodging—the list of our lawless sins has comes too overwhelming to admit that

A Serpent That Wriggles

"For most of us the war was primarily perhaps a profound disillusionment about human nature. Mankind is better than we knew, more capable of sacrifice. The brutal passions of the elemental animal are more easily aroused than we, fulled by the gentle ease of our well ordered world, had dreamed. There is no need, however, to despair; knowing the worst of ourselves, we can now take the necessary steps to prevent the worst from ever again becoming dominant."- The Evening Globe,

At Long Beach a woman was beaten

No, we are inclined to the view that | the impact of a whizzing monster which,

For nearly five years, under one disabout equally to blame for the red ruin.

The explanation slanders those who either in origination or method, was not the same on both sides. Serbia did ravage; Russia did not invade Germany, nor did France, nor did Belgium. Blood guilt was not with the pitiful peasants who filled all roads in their mad flight, nor with the defenders who tried to save them.

pense of others; there is war which is benevolent, born of a determination to protect right. The two have no moral similarity-one is of the pit and the other of heaven. A man sacrifices him- | than I thought to have. self for others, and there is no loftier height; another man seeks to destroy others for his own advantage, and there is no deeper depth.

Why is the implication that both sides are alike breathed abroad? We don't is hope to save Germany by bespattering others. Sometimes the motive seems to be an unwillingness to abandon some pet economic or historical theory that the obvious facts of the war negatived. safety and the enforcement by common . Sometimes no special reason is discernible other than the one of general "The council, taking account of the moral inadequacy. Whatever the reason, it is a duty to hit the head of the serpent as often as it is raised.

For future peace, to say nothing of truth, the world cannot afford to have any considerable number of persons believe that in 1914 a murderous mood attacked the whole human species and all its parts went forth to slay. Germany willing to make instant surrender to a

The Conning Tower

Lines on Reading "The Erotic Motive in Literature," by Albert Mordell Once, innocently when I read The works of novelist and poet I thought they meant just what they said, And if they didn't, I should know it. But now I know that isn't true, For I have learned a thing or two-

Mordell says when the bards indite Of skies and birds, and fragrant flowers They're thinking things that are not right -Of sparse-clad nymphs and blissful hours, What writers mean subconsciously

When some one writes of insect life, It shows some awful crime he's screening. Most probably he's killed his wife, Which gives his words a double meaning When reading treatises complex You'll know the author's full of sex.

Mordell proves there is not a book And if you'll take the pains to look, There's sex in this, and sex in that-From Fairy Tales to the Rubaiyat.

This little book of A. Mordellit's simply great and oh! so clever! It gives so many authors hell With such an offortless endeavor. But still I wonder if he knows How much about himself it shows.

"The fact that Willard breathes through his mouth," wires the Times correspondent, "has led observers to believe that the champion's wind is short." It leads us to observe that the champion probably is the kind of man who breathes through his mouth; and also moves his lips when he

SING IT

I cannot drink the old drinks. The gin and whiskey raw; For I do not enjoy them, And it's against the law.

Mr. Safford Waters is the Slippered peasants took hold of the powers of | Rantaloon who furnishes the words to "The New Marguerite," recalled the other day by sistance of the exploiting class. We are | this Rafter of Reminiscence. It appears proud that we have done it. We only | that Lottie Gilson was the peppy chanteuse who sang the song, the words of which, written by Mr. Waters himself, follow:

> THE NEW MARGUERITE Of all the girls the poets claim In every written tongue, There's surely no familiar name That's oftener been sung. Than that same name of Marguerite, Which maybe you recall* Yet when I'm done. You'd say there's one That out-of-sights them all

CHORUS She's fairer than the fairest, The's neatest of the neat, She's rarer than the rarest And the sweetest of the sweet, She's finer than the finest, Of all the girls divinest She's my own royal highness-Marguerite

Yum! Yum!! Yum!!! Yum!!!! Make no mistake, Yum! Yum!! Yum!!!! Yum!!!! She takes the cake: She yanks the bun, the roll, the biscuit, And whatever else they bake. I so to see her every night, And, boys, I say she's out of sight She is my own, my ducky darling, Marguerite!

Mr. Waters says that if Delia Fox sang "The Helle of Avenue A," another song he wrote, he never heard her. "First," writes, "it made quite a hit in vaudeville, and then died. Afterward I used it in Tommy Rot,' for which Rupert Hughes did the book and I the music and lyrics. Blanche Ring sang it and made a brand new hit in it. She used gracefully to say

THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPYS

June 28-Lay late, enjoying the quietude of the country, and then up, and my wife prevision shops, and we bought many supplies. To the courts in the afternoon, and I beat B. Meier, and thence home, where G. Plank is come for dinner, and I read again G. Meredith's essay on Comedy and the Comic Spirit, the finest thing written

29 At the courts all the day, what with beating W. Pritchard, and S. Spaeth, too, and watching many matches. A. Ostendorf twitted me over my ineptness at the game; | to the top of the mountain from Deadwood. the immolating spirit of sacrifice, the beat back the great assault. The war, prowess of the man, being so great a tennis player, a warrior, and a wit. Mrs. Hunter to watch the games, and I glad of seeing her; and Mrs. Martin gave me luncheon, of tea and cake and sandwiches. Then home and fashioned some verses,

30 To the city in my petrol-waggon, and offered a lady a ride, and she tells me her name is Miss Blanche Fairlamb, but I said little to her, owing to the great traffick on the Avenue, I being careful to heed the There is war which is malevolent, born | policemen. To luncheon with G. Parsons, of a desire of aggrandizement at the ex- and had nought to drink, albeit there was much talk of it being the last day. Finished my stint, and then to the courts, reasonably within the reach of every man Extinguished Universities where P. Kynaston trounced me roundly. Home, and read, for the first time, Kipling's "Soldiers Three," and liked it less

> July 1 To the office by train, and there all the day, doing this and that. Passed by a drinking saloan this morning and looked in, and saw beer served. Great confusion about concerning what is the on New Year's Day. Ted Robinson the has been said, truly, that a plane has no price; of the professors are gone. The same is true poet and Fred Schaefer to see me, and told | its price is what you are asked to pay for it | about the Agricultural College at Petrograd me of many things.

"Eggs touched bottom this week," records the Delhi, N. Y., Express, "being retailed at 10c a dozen." Those—the paper is dated April 27, 1895 - were the h. d.!

Mary Pickford is to retire from the motion picture profession; so her return to the movies will be a Big Sensation. "That's twice I've seen you," cooed Dul-

cinea yesterday, "in concussion."

As, for instance:

How are you betting on the "fight." F. P. A.

Dying Petrograd

By Maxim Gorky

Translated from an editorial in his Petrograd newspaper

Nicholas Alexandrowich Hesechus, was brought in the other day and classifield as suffering from "symptoms of acute exhaustion due to undernourishment." Professor Heschus was formerly so popular as a scientist that many an able student in physics was frequently given the title of "Hesechus" in honor Hospital swollen from hunger, his limbs distorted by dropsy.

This fact does not call for special comment or lamentations. I merely wish to a thousand calories of food a day less recall that the great French Revolution, than the man doing hard physical labor, while it indeed beheaded the great chemist Lavoisier, still did not permit the in weight is becoming alarming. Phyother scholars to die from hunger. How- sicians are warning that these men are ever, almost anything can be expected | rapidly reaching a stage when all their from our moral inertia. I should not even be surprised to find a cynic remark here or there:

years old."

But even the coarsest of cynics should find himself disarmed in the face of the tragic fact that in the men's ward of tients whose sickness is the "result of insufficient and subnormal nourishment" thirty years of age and thirty are need of brains than we are to-day. under twenty years of age. They are all men accustomed to doing physical calories, but who under the existing ra- by hunger and nervous breakdown. tioning of food get only 500 calories, (they require. Consideration must also | istence or non-existence. be given to the fact that not all of these

N THE men's ward of the Obuchov , The bread baked out of straw flour, the Hospital the famous physicist, heads of herring and similar articles of food hurt more than they help.

Hunger in Petrograd is increasing at a frightful speed. Daily people are found in the streets who have fallen in a taint from weakness. Here a driver falls to the pavement, there a major general, here an officer who is selling newspapers, there a seamstress.

More horrible, however, than the of the old man. To-day he is seventy- | physical hunger is the ever growing mentwo years old, and lies in the Obuchov 'tal exhaustion. Physicians are lately drawing attention to the alarming decline in weight of people who do intellectual labor. This class of men need but it is just among them that the loss mental energies will be exhausted.

Petrograd is dying as a city; it is also dying as the centre of intellectual life. "Well, the professor is seventy-two In this process of dying there shows itself an almost grewsome submissiveness to fate, the typically Russian passive relation to life.

Something must be done to stem this the Obuchov Hospital there are 134 pa- process of physical and psychical dissolution of the intellectuals. We must remember that they are the brains of the Of these patients fifty-nine are under country, and we were never in greater | writing about Archy and turning out other

The intellectual forces of Petrograd must organize at once to protect themlabor, who in normal life needed 3,000 selves against the threatened extinction

They must cease to be apathetic and which is less than one-quarter of what | passive toward themselves, their ex-

As we are proceeding along the road 500 calories of nourishment that they | to freedom we must not lose all thought take is being absorbed by the system. or care for our fellow humans.

Roosevelt Mountain

(From the Roovevelt Memorial Association)

HE South Dakota peak which is to be named Mount Theodore Roosevelt on the Fourth of July is now known as Sheep Mountain, or Round Top. It is a detached eminence with an elevation of 6,000 feet, the highest of the Black Hills, three miles from Deadwood, fifteen miles from Wyoming and thirty-five miles from the Montana state line, It is in the Black Hills forest reserve, and will be the centre of a bird and game refuge also dedicated to the memory of the ex-President,

All that section of the country has been intimately associated with various periods. in the life of Colonel Roosevelt. The peak which is to bear his name overlooks the foothills and valleys of the northern Black Hills, where the Colonel hunted buffalo. In sight from its summit are his cattle range and his trail to Deadwood, as well as sections of Wyoming and Montana where he trailed cattle in his cowboy days. Glimpses of the Belle Fourche, the Redwater and other streams flowing down the valleys attract the spectator. The peak and the territory around it are now embraced in the Belle Fourche irrigation project which Colonel Roosevelt advocated when President. This is making an arid prairie over

into fertile farming country. The people of Deadwood are now building at the summit of the mountain a cairn fifty feet high of boulders of native granite. T. A. Brown, of Spearfish, one of the Colonel's associates of years ago, has obtained permission of the local committee to place in this monument a stone with the cattle brands of his old friend monument will take place on Independence Day, when a tablet inscribed "In memory of Theodore Roosevelt, the American" be fastened to one of the boulders. The Governor of South Dakota is expected to preside at the ceremony. General Leonard Wood will make an address, and there will be present state officials of Wyoming,

Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota. An automobile road is now being built A new bridle path along a beautiful little creek will also give access to the mountain

The Ford Piano

of production to the extent that all utili- would make the conduct of such practically ties and most comforts of life can be placed | impossible. and woman.

The motor car business was among the first industries to sense this fundamental truth, and proved its position in dollars and cents-the universal language. One of the best steps forward that can

all, neither am I so deep in debt as I was | are of all prices and varying quality. It when you go to buy; but the customer has no and the Moscow Agricultural Institute. index, other than a well known name, as to The professors who sided with the Bolshe-

Applied in a large, national way, many splendid economies could be effected, at opened University of Perm was found when me of a good story which just before the Again the use of quotes is sanctioned. | dardization to living conditions and public works, still leaving choices open as to qual- of the Belsheviki. ity, and so avoiding monotony, but reducing the cost to the consumer by sensible producing methods.

Educational Chaos in Russia

Sir: The defenders of soviet Russia make | have been in the office of "The Evening fruitless attempts to show the soviet govern- | Sun," and we think the "better air" busiment in the best possible light, and in trying | ness overestimates the ventilation. Moreto convince the Americans that the soviet over, the window of Marquis's room opens rule is much superior to anti-Bolshevik on Spruce Street, which we should hardly Russia they publish the usual news about | call a "broad outlook." Perhaps the reconducting higher institutions of learning and other schools in soviet Russin.

As an academic person, who spent the years of 1917 and 1918 in Petrograd and Mos- | excellent book though it be, is more ephemcow, I take the liberty of giving a few facts, eral than "The Essays of Elia" over a route known to me personally, about the conduct of one century and a furlong. Why, Elia of the higher institutions of learning under | would win, we'll predict, even with Gilbert Bolshevik regime. I am doing this upon the | Chesterton in the saddle,

request of some of my American colleagues. The Petrograd Agricultural College suspended studies because its experimental station was taken over by the order of the vellous color, but we wish the author had Soviet of Peasant Deputies and also because the students left Petrograd on account of

starvation and lack of safety. Janitors Equal Professors

orders issued by the Bolsheviki, the demo- peared in moving pictures for a certain cratic part of the employes, such as clerks, length of time she begins to see life in janitors, messengers, etc., took active part in | terms of close-ups and captions. In Pearl the administration of Russian higher institu- White's autobiography, "Just Me," published tions of learning, and through their representatives made an ultimatum to the Council of her father, and she quotes him as ending Professors that their salaries be made equal | the interview with: "Well, girl, I have to those received by their recent superior ; lost. I have tried to change your mind and that they should have the use of teachers' failed. Therefore, I can but wish you good quarters and so forth. In some places (for luck.) instance, at the Moscow Agricultural Institute), such excesses, which are always upheld by the local commissariate (the Bolshevist police station), have lead to dispossessing of our well known and highly esteemed Professor A. F. Fortunatoff, who, together with his priceless library, was literally thrown out into the street, and many other professors

were deprived of their quarters. On the whole, this humiliating treatment of professors became so intolerable that all those who did not lose self-respect were of a Burmese figure of Buddha, which she obliged to leave the educational institutions. Some of them went south, some went abroad, even though this presented terrible difficul-

The soviet government issued another not less disastrous order, i. c., that the pro- family, and even upon a favorite horse and fessors had no right to request the presentation of papers or hold entrance examinations for those who desired to enter colleges. universities or other higher institutions of | these misfortunes, the fail of a heavy chimlearning. In this way any one who so ney, which wrecked a whole wing of her wished could walk right into the university | house, caused her to change her mind and and demand admittance to the lecture rooms | present the image to the India Museum, The happy medium between communism and laboratories. This naturally would thor- where, apparently, it found contentment, and individualism is the standardization oughly break up the routine of studies and With its departure her troubles ended.

And all this is done in the name of democracy-it would be more appropriate to call it demagogy-without considering the opinions of the professors and other academic

As a result of the bounding of the probe made is to apply this principle to stan- fessors who did not wish to submit to such dardization of product, by grades, to the orders, and also owing to other hardships, law, and what the future holds. The year other things we use and want. The piano I can state with assurance that the unihalf over, and I have saved no money at is one, but not the only instance. Pianos versities in Petrograd, Moscow and Kazan have suspended their normal work and most

> whether that price is up or down. As a viki are extremely few (Professor of Law every lottery there are a few prize winners; matter of fact, prices of pianos range within Raisner and Professor of Finances Pokrov-\$100 or so, and even more, of any given sky). The overwhelming majority await with they are printed on. So will it be with the great eagerness the day of liberation from oil lottery which is now raging. The piano is not standardized; hence its the Bolshevik yoke. If they stay at all it price is clastic. The talking machine is is because they have no choice, or in a good standardized and graded; you have a set many cases because they have hopes of saving the institution It was in such condition that the recently

> > fessors at their deliverance from the clutches N. BORODIN. Professor of Petrograd Agricultural Col-

New York, June 30, 1919.

Books

By Heywood Broun

THE notion that newspaper reviewers loll about in ambush until a promising piece of work appears and then assault it with cynical indifference is without foundation. On the contrary, the tendency is rather to turn a cartwheel or so too many over any book which peeks above the top of the average. Reviewers have the newspaper tendency of living always in the five-star final present and disregarding what happened last year, last week or an hour ago. Thus, when a good book appears newspaper critics are generally not content to say that it is a good book, but must add that the writer is the greatest living master of English. Authors who have not appeared in type for a month are always regarded as missing and probably dead.

Commenting on "Prefaces," an admirable new book by Don Marquis, Benjamin De Casseres says in "The Sun": "He is the greatest satirist writing on this side of the Atlantic." New, Mr. De Casseres is entitled to his opinion, and his estimate may be correct, but we wonder whether he had it clearly in mind when he wrote, that Finley Peter Dunne is still alive and on this side of the Atlantic, and that George Ade is also in good health and in Indiana, and that Simeon Strunsky motors to the office of "The Evening Post" every weekday. In our opinion. Marquis has made no contribution to satire which is as good as the "Mr. Dooley" series of Dunne, the "Fables in Slang" of Ade or the "Through the Outlooking Glass" of Strunsky. As a matter of fact, it seems to us that Marquis is not primarily a satirist. His "Hermione" series is satire, to be sure, but we have never found him as amusing in these sketches as when he was fascinating pieces of sheer josh which had not an aim in the world except to furnish fun. A satirist has to be after some person or thing. As a rule, Marquis seems to be imbued with no such premeditation.

The literary reviewer of "The Evening Sun" does not stop at the water's edge in seeking to find analogies for Marquis. He Writes of "Prefaces": "It is no mere ephomeral 'journalese'; no more ephemeral than the 'Essays of Elia.' "

Nor is the reviewer content to rest here. "To some extent," he continues, "Marquis is akin to Lamb; a twentieth century analogue, under freer and happier conditions, breathing a better air and with a broader outlook, but seeing things from something the same angle."

The "happier conditions" may be a well deserved tribute to Mr. Munsey, but we viewer had in mind the fact that "The World" is just across the way.

At any rate, we will wager the "Prefaces,"

"La Bodega," of Ibanez, is a book of martook us out of Spain and made us think of Herman's little. brother in Tarkington's

As a general rule, in accordance with the 11 is evident that after a person has ap-

A Disastrous Diamond

The Hope blue diamond, which has had another disaster laid to its account, is not the only relic accused of exercising a maligh influence on its possessors. The late Lady Dorothy Nevill was once the recipient placed in her drawing room, where, as she records, it seemed not to find its surroundings congenial and took revenge. From the day of its installation disasters, financial and physical, fell thick and fast upon her a pet dog, both of which met violent deaths. Though scoffing at first at the suggestion of the Buddha having anything to do with

The Lottery Germ

If the oil germ has taken possession of your blood and you simply must buy oil shares, do not try to make yourself believe that you are investing, but admit frankly to yourself that you are indulging in a gamble as uncertain as a horse race or a lottery. In other words, do not put any money into any of these new and alluring oil shares unless you are prepared to lose every penny of it. It is human nature to want to get something for nothing. Usually when we try this we get something we hadn't expected. This will be the experience of the great majority of those who are scram-

Ancient Folklore

The end of the No Treating Order reminds least for the man of modest means, who the town of Perm was taken by General Kol- war-time restrictions on drink, had its origin places usefulness before trimmings; and chak's army. There was no end of rejoicing in Manchester. Two men were exchanging it is possible to go deeper and apply stan- and exultation on the part of all the pro- memories of a dead pal. Said one, "Now, he was the kind of chap I like; he was a Wattler, not a Mineser." Asked to explain these unfamiliar terms, he replied, "Why, he always said, 'What'll you have?' not like some chaps, 'Mine's beer'l"